Prominence has been given to the University of Santo Tomas because of its age and standing. However, it is but one of hundreds of Catholic schools. Other boys' schools include Ateneo de Manila, De la Salle College, San Juan de Letran College, and San Beda College. The girls' schools include Santa Isabel (the oldest), Assumption Convent, Santa Escolastica College, Santa Theresa College, Holy Ghost College, and Saint Paul's Institution. Particular attention should be directed to the Ateneo de Manila because the Jesuits in control of that institution have ever been progressive and forward-looking, have unreservedly worked in harmony with the Government, and have given Filipino youths most excellent educations.

Nor are the private schools all in the hands of the Catholics. In Manila besides Santo Tomas and the State University are found five other universities, National University (coeducational), University of Manila (coeducational), Far Eastern University (coeducational), Centro Escolar University (mainly women), and the Philippine Women's University (women). Again, not all the private schools are located in Manila. Away down in Dumaguete, Oriental Negros, is found Silliman University, one of the five greatest mission schools in the world. Indelibly associated with the rapid growth of Silliman and its fine influence for good is the name of Dr. D. S. Hibbard, long president of the institute.

There is an unpleasant side to the private-school picture.

Some schools are mere money-making enterprises. They exist for the benefit of their owners alone. Instruction is deficient and diplomas are easily obtainable. The Superintendent of Private Schools and Colleges wages a battle continuously against these private-adventure schools. Aside from these few unworthy participants in education, the other private schools constitute no unimportant part in the educational system of the Islands.